GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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EXPERT TEAM ON AMMUNITION STORAGE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have sent an expert team to England and Germany to study ammunition storage system in the advanced European countries;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the expert team;

(c) whether the Government have accepted and implemented the recommendations thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the other measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 459 FC 25.7.2001.

A team of officers visited certain countries in Europe in 1986 to carry out a study on modernization of ammunition depots with a view to construct cost effective store houses for ammunition. The team had, inter alia, recommended construction of Igloo pattern of ammunition store houses, on trial basis, at some Ammunition Depots. On investigation it was found that the soil bearing capacity at these stations was not suitable for construction of store houses on the Igloo pattern and the initial cost of construction of Igloo type store houses was higher than the cost of conventional construction. Nonetheless the Igloo type store house was considered economical in the long run because of its longer life. Government has, therefore, decided to construct a mix of both Igloo and conventional type of store houses, keeping in view the operational requirements, availability and suitability of land and cost justification.

Another study on construction of Alternative Type of Accommodation for storage of ammunition was carried out at Army HQ. The recommendations of the study have been accepted for implementation. All new requirement for accommodation for ammunition storage is being worked out as per the parameters given in the study.